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SUBJECT: PRG LIAISON OFFICE IN GENEVA

1. WE HAVE PREPARED FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE FOR POSSIBLE
USE BY DEPARTMENTAL SPOKESMAN CONCERNING SWISS ANNOUNCE-
MENT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF PRG LIAISON OFFICE IN GENEVA:

BEGIN QUOTE:

QUESTION: THE SWISS GOVERNMENT ON JANUARY 15 ANNOUNCED
THAT IT HAS APPROVED THE OPENING IN GENEVA OF AN OFFICE
FOR THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIET-
NAM FOR LIAISON WITH UN AGENCIES ON HUMANITARIAN MATTERS.

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HOW DOES THE U. S. GOVERNMENT VIEW THIS?

ANSWER: WE CONSIDER THIS ACTION REGRETTABLE AND UNWARRANTED.
THE U. S. VIEWS ON THE PRG ARE WELL KNOWN. THE SWISS HAVE
MADE CLEAR THAT IN AGREEING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
OFFICE, IT WAS ONLY FOR LIAISON WITH UN HUMANITARIAN
AGENCIES.

QUESTION: WAS THE U. S. GOVERNMENT CONSULTED ON THIS MOVE?

ANSWER: WE DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH BOTH THE UN SECRETARY-
GENERAL AND THE SWISS GOVERNMENT AND MADE OUR VIEWS CLEARLY
KNOWN TO BOTH PARTIES. END QUOTE.

2. THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS RAISED ON THIS SUBJECT AT
JANUARY 16 PRESS BRIEFING. KISSINGER

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